

Blackstone Valley DeTours

Blackstone Valley Canal Tours

Hike, Bike or Paddle, the Blackstone Canal is there to enjoy!

These series of tours, depending on your favorite mode of transportation, reflects the wonderful historic and recreational opportunities that a journey along the historic Blackstone Canal offers. Completed in 1828, the Canal is responsible for a great expansion of mills and mill villages along the river which brought the railroad to the area sooner than planned and created the city of Worcester.

HIKE THE CANAL TOUR

Hike the Canal through the Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park: Enjoy the wooded country side along the canal and river by hiking the scenic tow path from Stanley Woolen Mill north approximately 4 miles to the canal just north of Plummer's Landing.

CANOE & KAYAK TOURS

MA – Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge, MA: Canoe directly into Lock #25 at Goat Hill and see how narrow the locks were or leisurely canoe down the canal to the Stanley Woolen Mill and count how many turtles you can see. Pick up Blackstone River Guide at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center for canoe / kayak details. River Bend Farm also has facilities.

MA – Blackstone Gorge: Paddle up river to the Millville Lock #21 and see the best preserved canal lock along the Blackstone. Then turn around and leisurely paddle back to the Blackstone Gorge and hike along the wildest part of the Blackstone River.

RI – Blackstone State Park, Lincoln, RI: Put in on Front Street and paddle up the canal to the Kelly House Transportation Museum, a great stop for lunch.

BIKEWAY TOURS

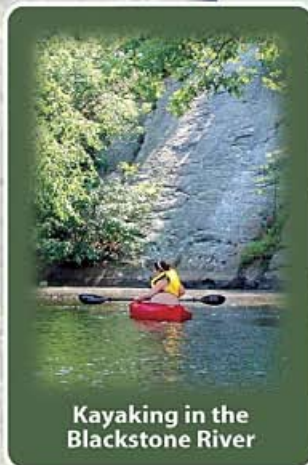
MA – Worcester to Millbury: Follow pieces of the Blackstone Canal as you pedal along the 2½ mile section of Bikeway connecting Worcester to Millbury.

RI: An impressive 12 mile stretch of Bikeway that runs from the Woonsocket – Lincoln town line connecting canal, mills and the Providence & Worcester Railroad down through the Lonsdale Marsh into Cumberland offers a wide range of canal, river and natural features. The Kelly House Transportation Museum is a great "half-way stop" with facilities.

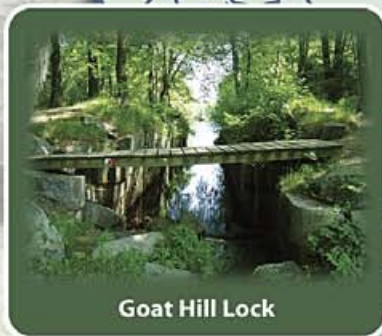
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Crompton Park



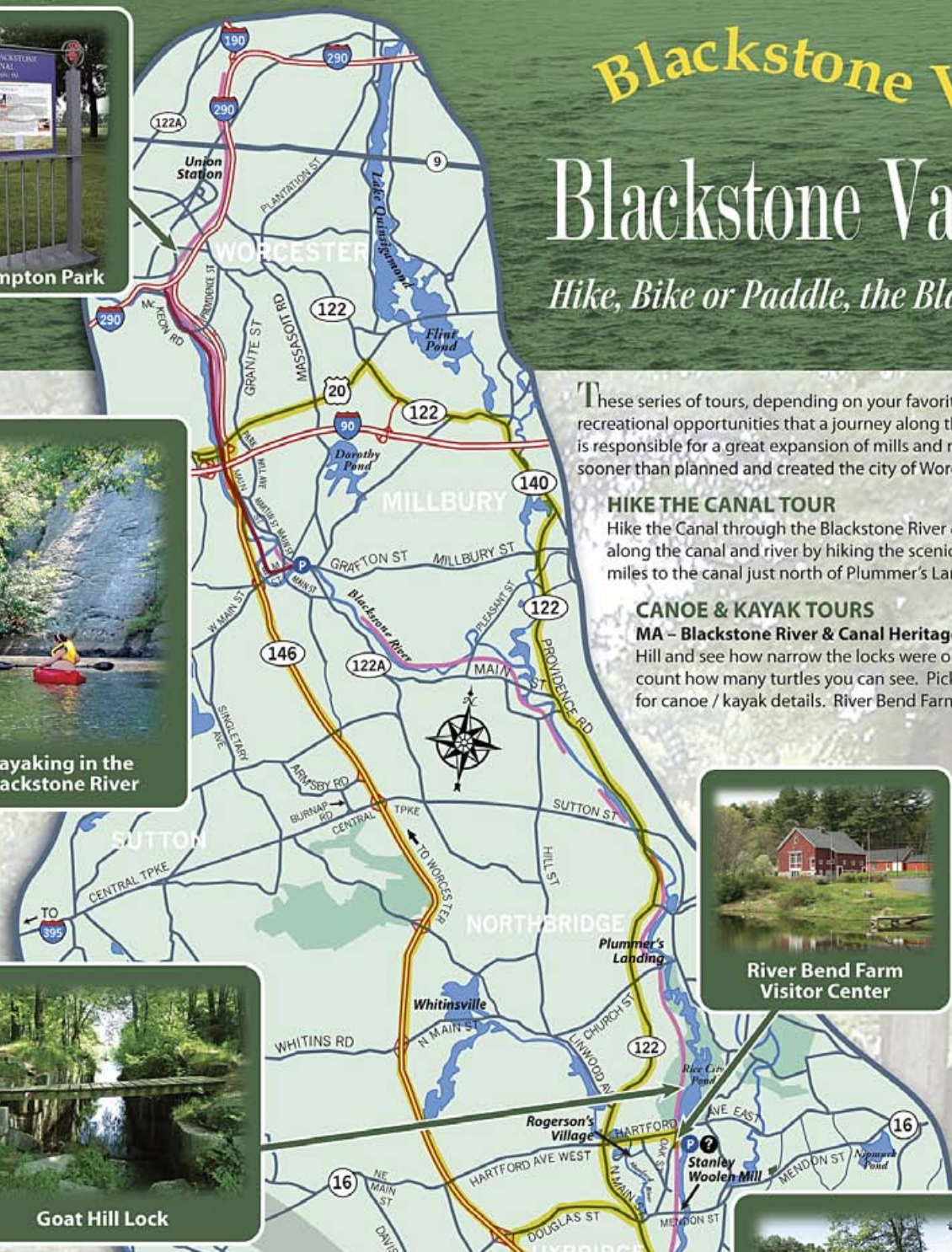
Kayaking in the Blackstone River



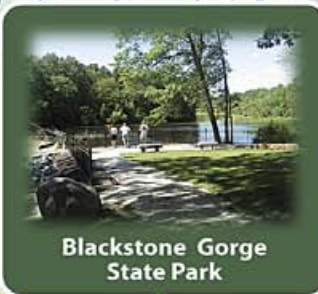
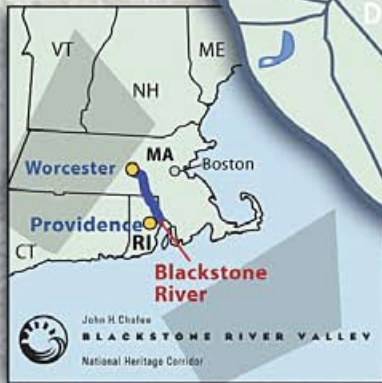
Goat Hill Lock



River Bend Farm Visitor Center

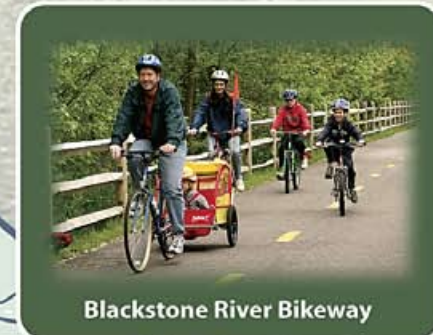


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Blackstone Gorge State Park

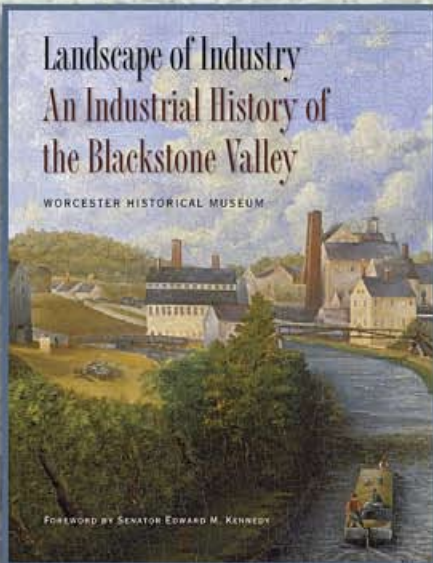
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www.blackstonevalley.org or
 Call 800-454-2882



Blackstone River Bikeway



Millville Lock



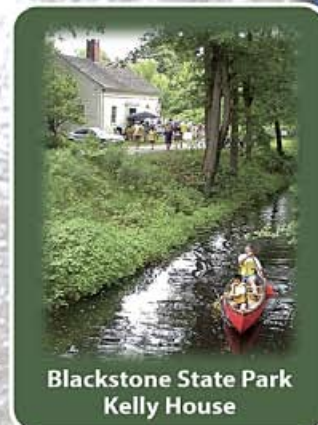
The newly released book, *Landscape of Industry: An Industrial History of the Blackstone Valley* is now available at www.worcesterhistory.org



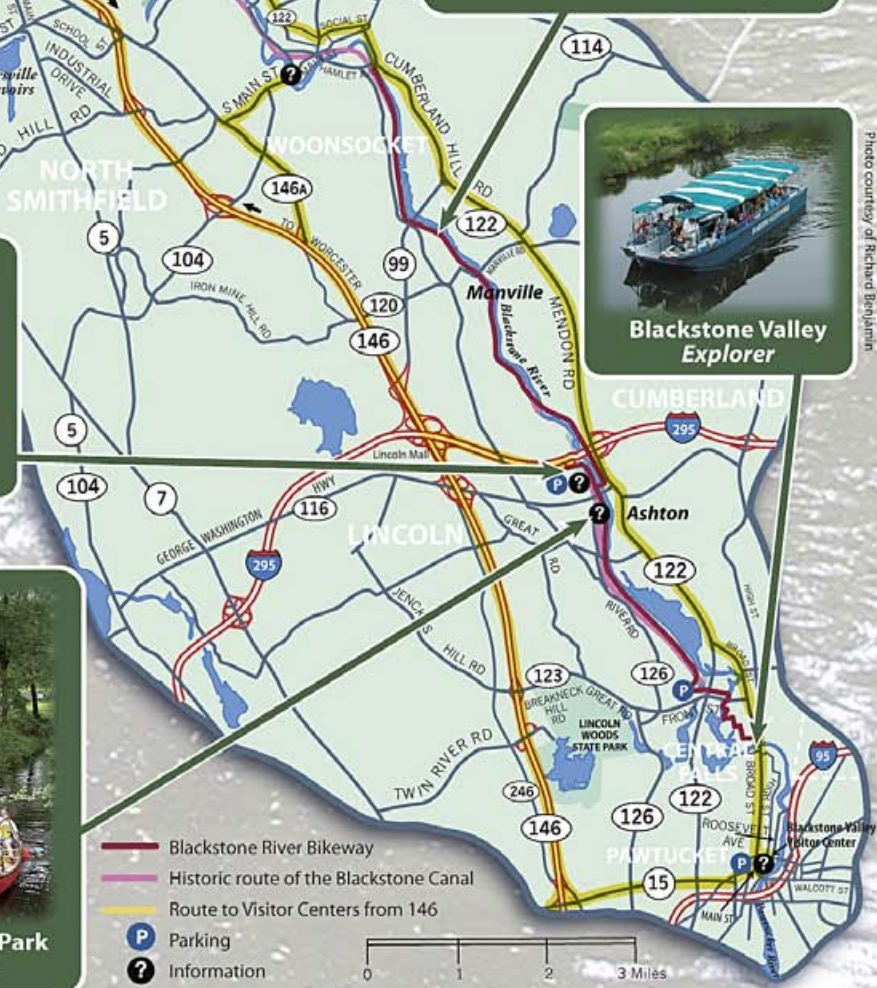
295 Visitor Center



Blackstone Valley Explorer



Blackstone State Park
 Kelly House



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 New England's Historic National Park Area

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